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TAGS: OVIP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA)

SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS TO CAIRO

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MELCHOR INFORMED EMBASSY MORNING MARCH 6 THAT IMELDA MARCOS WILL LEAVE THIS EVENING, MARCH 6, FOR CAIRO. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GERONIMO VALASCO, HEAD OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY, AND USUAL COTERIE OF ATTENDANTS. SHE WILL ATTEND AN AFRO-ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

2. ALTHOUGH VISIT IS BEING CALLED "GOOD WILL" TRIP, THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME INTENTION TO SIGN A PRO-FORMA TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EGYPTIANS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT COMMODITIES WILL BE SPECIFIED IN SUCH DOCUMENT, BUT EGYPTIAN COTTON AND PHILIPPINE COCONUT OIL COME TO MIND. NEWS ON THESE THREE COMMODITIES WILL BE CALCULATED TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON U.S. TRADERS.

3. COMMENT: MY OWN SPECULATION IS THAT IMELDA HAS SPOTTED MRS. SADAT AS A KINDRED SOUL AND HOPES TO STRIKE
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UP A DISTAFF RELATIONSHIP (AS WITH MME. MAO TSE TUNG)

WHICH SHE WILL ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE IN AN EFFORT TO
COUNTER INROADS INTO ARAB OPINION BEING MADE BY PHILIPPINE
MUSLIM SECESSIONISTS. IF I WERE SADAT, I'D KEEP A CLOSE
EYE ON THE PYRAMIDS.
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